

REMARKS

Nearly half of the claims have been deleted. The remaining claims have been substantially rewritten in response to the examiner's comments. The Examiner rejected all claims over Rich et al. Rich et al deals with agent technology, especially the process of conversing with an agent. For example, a user may interact with a computer program to search the web for flights based on certain criteria and report back whenever a flight meets the criteria. My invention has nothing to do with agent technology. My invention deals with a method to assist a participant to subdivide a whole work product into subdivisions. These subdivisions enable a variety of collaborative functionality identified in the patent. The following table addresses the major issues of the reviewer and the corresponding action taken.


Reviewer's Issue	Corresponding Action
1) Application in single space	1) Application is now double-spaced.
2) Use of the words, "providing a means."	2) Removed.
3) Confusion over the use of the word, "agent." For example, the reviewer's reference to Rich et al col. 4 lines 14-20: Rich is dealing with agent technology.	3) The word, "agent," was used in my invention to mean any participant. To avoid any confusion, all use of the word, "agent," has been removed.
4) Apparent interpretation of the word, "segment," to mean activity, task, or subtask. For example, see the reviewer's reference to Rich et al last line of the abstract and col.5 lines 14-20: Rich uses	4) The word, "segment," was used in my invention to mean a division and further subdivision of the whole work product/artifact, such as a document, spreadsheet, diagram, etc., until it can not

<p>segment to refer to a sequence of actions or part of a conversation that can be replayed. Rich speaks about achieving a goal/task and subdividing it into separate tasks. Subtasks in Rich et al are separate activities that need to be accomplished to achieve a goal.</p>	<p>be further subdivided. To avoid any confusion, all use of the word, "segment," has been removed and replaced with the word, "subdivision."</p>
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It is submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. My email is johnnosek@comcast.net and my phone number is 856-354-8314. If you feel that a face-to-face meeting would be helpful to you in your review process, I would be more than happy to meet with you at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these revisions.

Respectfully submitted,



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